

AUSTRIAN RESERVE TROOPS THROWN INTO FRAY

ENEMY REPULSED AT ALL
THREE POINTS OF ATTACK

CAPTURED ON THE FIELD OF PICARDY

VIENNESE GAIN GROUND
ON MONTELLO PLATEAU

Semicircle Drawn by Teutons Around Cathedral City in Recent Drive On Aisne Front Scene of New Effort—Violent Bombardment Preceded Onslaught.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, June 19.—The Germans last night, after violent preparatory bombardment, began an attack on the Aisne front between Vignay and La Pompelle, the war office announced today.

The French are resisting the German blow with entire success.

On the western front of the attack the enemy was not able even to reach the French line. In the center, before the city, the Germans were completely repulsed and suffered heavy losses. East of Rheims the French were equally successful.

The front of the new German attack is the semicircle drawn by the enemy about the city of Rheims in the recent offensive on the Aisne front. The Rheims region comprised the left flank of the German attack. Ground was given by the French on both sides of the cathedral city, but the town itself and the nearby protecting forts were held against the German onslaught and have since remained in French possession. Rheims, however, was hemmed in on three sides by the enemy and it has been considered only a question of time when the Germans would make a concerted movement to oust its defenders. The front of the present attack, from Vignay, west of the city to La Pompelle, around the semicircle to the east, is approximately fourteen miles.

The statement follows: "Last night at 6 o'clock the Germans delivered a violent preparatory artillery fire along the whole front of Rheims from the region of Vignay, west of the city, as far east as La Pompelle. At 9 o'clock the enemy infantry began an attack on the French positions between these two points. The French troops resisted the German attack with complete success, the counter barrage of the French artillery proving very strong. Between Vignay and the Ormes, German assault troops were stopped by the French fire and forced to return many times to their lines of departure and were not finally able to reach the French positions.

"Around Rheims violent combats developed during the course of which the enemy suffered heavy losses and was everywhere repulsed. "East of Rheims the fighting likewise ended to the advantage of the French. The Germans having been successful in penetrating the woods northeast of Silley, were driven out by a French counter-attack. Prisoners taken in the region of Rheims declared that the town was attacked by three divisions which were ordered to take the place at all costs during the night."

SELF-ACKNOWLEDGED FEE
AGENTS ASK LENIENCY

Deut. Staley's Information to Be Used in Locating Others Implicated.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Many self-acknowledged contingent fee agents appeared today at the department of justice to explain in their operations and to ask leniency in any action the department may take to break up the exposed system of defrauding contractors and the government out of millions of dollars.

Many of these agents heretofore had been unknown to the department and this fact promoted the impression that the system of making commissions out of war orders is even more extensive than officials had believed. Hundreds of letters, telegrams and personal calls came to Attorney-General Gregory, in direct charge of the campaign against the contingent fee system, inquiring concerning the legal status of contracts already made, or the legality of maintaining representatives in Washington. Many admitted they had sublet contracts not knowing this was a violation of the law.

Leniency To Be Shown. Although no formal statement of policy was made by the department of justice officials intimated that leniency would be shown in all cases where it was apparent that the contractor or the commission agent neither pretended to use nor actually did employ any minister influence in obtaining orders. A corps of lawyers, working today in the mass of reports on raids made by manufacturers' offices found considerable new evidence of improper, if not illegal practices in connection with the soliciting of government war contracts. In many cases, it is understood, manufacturers have written to army officers who formerly held positions with them, or allied concerns, asking them to use influence in getting contracts.

All documents shedding any light on the awarding of contracts for airplanes and parts found in these papers were referred to Charles E. Hughes, who is conducting a special inquiry into aircraft production.

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIPS
DESTROYED BY ITALIANS

(International News Service.) London, June 19.—The Austrian battleships Wien and Erzherzog Ferdinand Max have been sunk, the Italian minister of marine, Delbono, is quoted as saying in the newspaper Epoca, said a Central News dispatch from Rome this afternoon. On the same day the Austrian dreadnought Savent was sunk off Pola, wreckage of another battleship was seen some forty miles away.

The Erzherzog Ferdinand Max displaced 10,432 tons and the Wien 5,512 tons.

U.S. MAY DECLARE
WAR ON TURKEY

Soldiers of Sultan Commit What May Be Construed as Overt Act.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN
PERSIA SACKED BY TURKS

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Sacking of the American hospital at Tabriz, Persia, and seizure of the American and British consulates there by invading Turkish troops was reported to the state department today by the American minister at Teheran.

Presbyterian Institution. New York, June 19.—Officials of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions here today identified the American hospital sacked by Turkish troops at Tabriz, Persia, as the Colton Memorial hospital, which was founded by a Philadelphia family by that name and established several years ago through the Presbyterian board.

According to today's dispatch, the Turks sacked the hospital over the protest of the Spanish consul, in charge as representative of American interests, and in defiance of a Spanish flag flying over the building.

(International News Service.) Washington, June 19.—Apparently an overt act that may result in a declaration of war on Turkey was reported to the state department today by American Minister George L. Caldwell at Teheran, Persia.

According to the dispatch the Turks have taken the city of Tabriz, in Persia, where they took possession of the American and British consulates and sacked the American hospital, which at the time was flying the Spanish flag. The American minister's dispatch was made public by the state department without comment. It was known, however, that further details would be sought and that the occurrence would be investigated from every angle. The belief was freely expressed in some quarters that the sacking of the American hospital and the occupation of the American consulate constitute an act so obviously hostile to the United States that, if the reports have not been exaggerated, a declaration of war on Turkey may result.

ACCUSE WOMAN IN MAUD
ALLEN CASE OF BIGAMY

(International News Service.) London, June 19.—Mrs. Villers Stuart, who created a sensation at the trial of Maud Allen against Noel Pemberton-Billings by telling of the alleged existence of a "vice book," was today remanded for trial on the charge of bigamy. She said that she did not know that her first husband, Douglas Bray, was alive until a note was slipped into her hand at the end of the Billings trial, giving her the information.



Thousands of German soldiers were captured by the British during the German offensive of March on the plains of Picardy. This photograph shows one camp behind the lines filled with the captive Teutons waiting to be sent to the internment camps in England.

MISSES MINE BY
JUST FEW YARDS

American Steamer Has Narrow Escape on Voyage From Cuban Port.

(International News Service.) An Atlantic Port, June 19.—An American steamer carrying eighty passengers arrived here today after a thrilling voyage from a Cuban port, in the course of which she narrowly missed striking a mine and barely escaped an attack by a German submarine. The mine is believed to have been laid by a German U-boat. The American steamer passed within just a few yards of it. The location of the mine was reported to naval authorities and it is presumed that it has been removed by now.

The steamer had its experience with the submarine when off the coast in the neighborhood of Charleston, S. C. There had been rumors of the presence of submarines and the passengers were all keyed up to a high pitch of excitement. The first warning came when a British steamer was seen speeding southward. Almost instantly there came a wireless message from the British vessel warning that a German submarine was chasing her.

"I will try to make Charleston," replied the captain of the American vessel. "Turn back. You won't have time," came the reply. At that moment a patrol boat came darting out from the shore. "Turn around and go back to —" megaphoned the chief officer. "There's a U-boat about seven miles ahead of you. Go back at once." Then the little craft darted off. The American steamer went back to the port she was directed to go to. Three other vessels were racing in the port almost at the same time. Twenty minutes after the American steamer had received its first warning the submarine was seen to have torpedoed and sunk a British bark.

IMPORTS IN MAY LARGEST
IN NATION'S HISTORY

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Imports in May were the largest in the nation's history, and the total foreign commerce for the month, amounting to \$575,000,000, was the second only to June, 1917, when the total was \$575,000,000.

Imports in May amounted to \$523,000,000, an increase of \$44,000,000 over April, according to figures issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Exports were valued at \$552,000,000, which was \$52,000,000 more than April.

For the first eleven months of the fiscal year the value of exports reached \$5,445,000,000, a decrease of \$272,000,000 from the corresponding period last year. Imports were \$2,588,000,000, an increase of \$333,000,000. Imports for the eleven months have amounted to \$53,000,000, and exports \$158,000,000. Silver shipments continue to grow in volume, imports amounting to \$55,000,000 in eleven months and exports \$131,000,000.

MAILS DENIED ALL FIRMS
WHO USE CHILD LABOR

(International News Service.) Washington, June 19.—Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, this afternoon introduced a bill denying use of the mails to concerns which employ child labor. The move is the first made in the senate to meet the objections raised by the supreme court several weeks ago, when it declared the child labor law unconstitutional.

"Take Rheims at Any Cost"

Order to German Troops. 36,000 Men Taking Part in Drive.

(International News Service.) Paris, June 19.—Following a violent bombardment on a twenty-mile front, between Vignay and Port La Pompelle the Germans began a drive against Rheims last night, the war office announced today. Vignay is about five miles southwest of Rheims while Port La Pompelle is a short distance northeast of the city. Prisoners taken by the French said that three divisions (36,000 men) were taking part in the assault and that orders had been issued to "take Rheims at any cost." The Germans penetrated a wood north of Port La Pompelle but the French immediately counter-attacked throwing them back to their old positions.

RUSSIA APPEALS FOR
ALLIED INTERVENTION

Deprecate Japanese Armies in Siberia but Would Welcome Americans.

(Associated Press.) Peking, June 19.—The far eastern Russian committee for the "salvation of the motherland" has resolved to appeal through Japan for immediate intervention in Siberia by entire allied forces. The Russians say there would be no difficulty in establishing an allied army in Siberia. They frankly deprecate a purely Japanese expedition on the ground of what they term Japan's imperialistic and racial antagonism and memories of the Russo-Japanese war.

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL
ASK APPROPRIATION
To Cover Training in United States of Troops of Western Allies.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Training in the United States of troops of some western nation or nations also at war with Germany is under consideration and the war department is preparing to ask congress for an appropriation to cover such activity. At the department today it was said that the project has not reached the point where any particular nation had been approached in this connection, but that it was thought wise to have the necessary funds available in case a favorable decision was reached while congress was in recess.

Fair and Cool, Says Billy P.

Wiley, wilful willow gnats, whirling in mad glee, independent plutocrats, insolvent and free, circling your interference in the giddy glare, won't you please eschew my face and keep out of my hair. The weather? Fair with slight change in temperature tonight and Thursday.

MORE EFFICIENT
WITHOUT LIQUOR

Says Bryan of Labor, Replying to Colby, Who Protested Prohibition Vigorously.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Vigorous protest against immediate absolute prohibition was made before the senate agriculture committee today by Bainbridge Colby, member of the shipping board, who declared if beer were taken from the workmen the output of American shipyards would be reduced 25 per cent. Mr. Colby said he appeared at the request of Chairman Hurley as a representative of the shipping board. Of the pending Jones prohibition amendment to the emergency agriculture bill, Mr. Colby said: "We believe that the effect of this bit of legislation would be to reduce the efficiency of the workers in the shipyards and reduce the output of tonnage a substantial amount."

When senators championing prohibition attempted to cross-examine him, Mr. Colby declared he was not present to discuss the virtues of prohibition but was merely expressing the views of the men who are in touch with the ship building situation. "Not Teetotalers, We Want." Ship builders, he said, see no harm in drinking beer and thin kit is essential.

Mr. Colby said that because of the urgent need for tonnage now in order to carry men and supplies to Europe, the shipping board is trying to make the work in the shipyards as attractive as possible, and to increase the 335,000 men employed in the shipyards now to 600,000. There is a constant turn-over in the shipyards and a shifting of labor, he said, and the members of the board fear anything that might tend to cause unrest. "Let us put our energy in conserving our energy on the front," Mr. Colby pleaded. "Let's not attempt to reform men's appetite. Let's fight now. It's not teetotalers, but fighters, we want now."

Bishop Cannon's Challenge. Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, challenged Mr. Colby's statement that prohibition would reduce the output of shipyards and cited as an example of what could be done in a ship building city where prohibition prevails, the work being accomplished at the Newport News shipyards. He said Mr. Colby's statement "represents opinion rather than facts."

Bryan Replies to Colby. William Jennings Bryan, also replying to Mr. Colby, declared history showed labor is more efficient without liquor than with it. He quoted Premier Lloyd George as saying that England was fighting Germany, Austria and drink, with drink as the greatest enemy.

While favoring total prohibition, Mr. Bryan said a reasonable time should be given for putting it into effect. In line with that opinion, he said he reduced by percentages until the nation has become dry. He also expressed the opinion that the legislation should be separate instead of attached to an appropriation measure and he recommended that prohibition leaders in congress agree upon the details of a bill. Workers should be willing to make some sacrifices, Mr. Bryan insisted. He pointed out that an examination showed that the railroad employees were not signers of the petition against the bill presented by union officials.

One Line Four Kilometres Long—Italians Yet Protecting Their Reserves—Six Thousand Austrian Prisoners Held and the Battle is Regarded as Favorable to Allies.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, June 19.—The battle on the Italian front, now in its fourth day, presents a favorable aspect, according to dispatches to the Havas agency. The Austrians have gained ground along a line four kilometres in extent on the Montello plateau and on a line four kilometres long on the west side of the Piave river.

The Austrians have lost 6,000 prisoners and the losses of the enemy show that he is using his reserves while the Italians are protecting theirs.

Vienna, June 19.—(Via London.)—Austro-Hungarian troops have crossed the Fossata canal at some points, the Austrian war council announced today. It is added that the Italians are staking everything in order to stop the advance of the Austro-Hungarians in their offensive on the northern Italian front.

Rome, June 19.—The Italians have captured since the beginning of the Austro-Hungarian offensive on the Italian front prisoners to the number of 9,011 and have taken many guns and several hundred machine guns, the Italian war office announced today.

TWO THOUSAND PLANES
FROM U.S. OVER TRENCHES

Indianapolis, Ind., June 19.—The United States has 6,000 airplanes complete and 2,000 flying over the trenches of France. This was the declaration of Representative Scott Ferris, chairman of the national democratic congressional campaign committee, addressing the democratic state convention here this afternoon.

TWO LIVES LOST IN FIRE
AT SHEFFIELD PLANT

Dormitory Destroyed—Match Thrown on Mattress Perhaps Cause.

(Associated Press.) Sheffield, Ala., June 19.—In a fire which destroyed a former mess hall, used temporarily as a dormitory at government nitrate plant number 2, at Muscle Shoals, near here, two white employees lost their lives late last night and a number of other employees were more or less seriously burned. One of the bodies was unidentified. The other was that of Marshall Seal, aged 60 years, of Gulfport, Miss. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been caused by a lighted match thrown on a mattress. The property loss was comparatively small.

EXPRESS MONOPOLY
DISSOLVED AFTER WAR

According to Contract of Express Companies and Railroad Administration.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—The express monopoly created under government auspices must be dissolved after the war emergency is past, under the provisions of the contract signed today by representatives of the express companies and the railroad administration.

PITTSBURG MAN KILLED
IN ACCIDENT IN LONDON

(Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, June 19.—Lieut. Joseph Graham Trees, of Pittsburgh, was killed in an airplane accident in London in June 13, according to word received here today, from the war department by his father, J. C. Trees. Lieut. Trees joined the aviation service before the declaration of war against Germany. He trained at Miami, Fla., and was among the first American aviators to reach France. Recently he was transferred to London.

PESSIMISTIC COMMENT
EXCITED IN VIENNA

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Austria's grave food situation, coupled with the apparent failure of the new offensive against Italy, is exciting pessimistic comment in the Vienna press. An official dispatch today from Zurich quotes the Arbeiter Zeitung, of Vienna, as saying: "The situation will be still more serious in Vienna when the sanguinary defeat of the imperial force, on the Italian front becomes known."

AVIATION INSTRUCTOR
KILLED AT FORT WORTH

(Associated Press.) Fort Worth, Tex., June 19.—Lieut. H. C. Kelly, an instructor in aviation, was killed this afternoon at Benbrook field. The cadet flying with him was uninjured.

WEATHER FAVORABLE TO
COTTON GROWING CONTINUES

Washington, June 19.—Weather favorable for cotton growing continued in all districts of the south during the week ending yesterday, according to the national weather and crop bulletin issued today.

OVER 250,000 MEN TO BE
ADVANCED TO CLASS 1

Result Crowder's Order for Revision of Deferred Classification Lists.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Preliminary reports indicate that more than 250,000 men may be added to class 1, available for immediate military duty, as a result of President Marshall-General Crowder's recent order for revision of deferred classification lists by local draft boards.

GERMAN INVASION
VIA ALASKA POSSIBLE

Senator Lewis Advocates Formation Army of Slaves in United States.

(International News Service.) Washington, June 19.—The possibility of a German invasion of the United States by way of the Bering Straits and Alaska was suggested by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, the democratic whip, in a speech in the senate this afternoon. As a precautionary movement against such an eventuality, Senator Lewis advocated the organization of an army composed of slaves in the United States, to be sent to Siberia to aid the Russians in resisting the German aggression.

THREE PERSONS DEAD IN
AUTO-TRAIN SMASH-UP

Tampa, Fla., June 19.—Three persons are known to be dead and a fourth may have been killed when a seven-passenger automobile crashed into an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at Lake Alfred, about fifty miles from Tampa, today. The known dead are Mrs. Fay Turner, Mrs. May Hill, Tampa, and A. L. Anderson, Enclewood, Fla. The chauffeur, named Elmer, of the automobile, was missing. Three others were badly injured.

GERMAN WOMEN SLOW IN
REGISTERING WITH POLICE

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—German women are now registering with police or postmaster, as required by government regulations, according to reports today to the department of justice. Although it is estimated 40,000 women are subject to registration, reports indicate that only a small proportion of these already have enrolled. One week remains in which to register.

WILSON'S APPEAL WILL CARRY
SUFFRAGE BILL IN SENATE

(International News Service.) Washington, June 19.—The Susan Anthony resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for nationwide women's suffrage to the states for ratification will be brought to a vote in the senate on Thursday, June 27. This was decided at a conference of the senate suffrage leaders this afternoon, following a canvass which indicated the probability of the resolutions adoption. President Wilson's appeal for its adoption was a deciding factor in arranging the program.

GOVERNMENT LENDS BROOKLYN
RAPID TRANSIT \$17,320,000

(International News Service.) Washington, June 19.—The war finance corporation this afternoon agreed to lend the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company any sum not in excess of \$17,320,000 to be used for betterments and extension of service. The terms of the loan will be made public later, it was announced.

THOUSAND POUNDS MEAT
FOR BATTLESHIPS REJECTED

(Associated Press.) New York, June 19.—Hundreds of thousands of pounds of meat intended for use of American battleships furnished by Wilson and Company, Chicago packers has been rejected because not in good condition. Captain C. S. Williams of the navy, testified today at the inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into charges that meat is being furnished the navy.